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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

SUBJECT: NSSD-5-83 Space Station Report

We have reviewed the Space Station Summary Report you forwarded to the DNRO for comment. As you may be aware, we extensively worked the Summary Report with your Staff and agree with its general thrust and conclusions. Despite this, however, we continue to have several major reservations. These include the following:

- a. It is impossible to determine in any detailed fashion the schedule, cost or impact of any of the proposed space station options.
- b. The paper does not provide distinguishable options with the pros and cons to allow for a decision.
- c. We were unable to obtain substantive data to enforce the NASA assertion that a permanently manned space station is the only way to maintain overall U.S. civil space leadership.
- d. The apparent method used by NASA to develop civil "requirements" was to list any potential civil space activity (regardless of priority, requirement, cost or technical feasibility) as a civil sector mission for conduct on the space station.
- e. The opportunity cost of a space station on other space programs is not discussed in any significant fashion. This cost is likely to be large.

As a separate matter, we should distinguish the Working Group approved Space Station Summary Report from the NASA only developed capabilities document. The latter is not an agreed to interagency paper and in our opinion contains significant overstatements.

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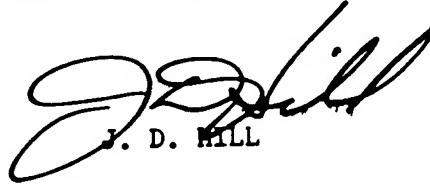
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We remain concerned over the inclusion of the Space Station issue in the NSSD-13 National Space Strategy process and in fact the interagency process used to develop the NSSD-13 Draft Report. The NRO Staff is working closely with the Intelligence Community Staff on that effort.

We appreciate the opportunity to work this issue with your Staff and look forward to continued cooperation.



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